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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1464**

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**By** House Committee on Select Committee on Environmental Health  
(originally sponsored by Representatives Simpson, Hudgins, Wood,  
Campbell, Morrell and Hasegawa)

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1 AN ACT Relating to reducing the environmental health impact of  
2 cleaning in state facilities; and adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that cleaning products  
5 are necessary for creating and maintaining sanitary conditions in state  
6 facilities and workplaces. However, chemicals contained in cleaning  
7 products can be released to the environment during normal use by  
8 evaporation of volatile components or by leaving residue on cleaned  
9 surfaces. Choosing less hazardous cleaning products for use in our  
10 workplaces and our facilities and taking steps to reduce exposure can  
11 minimize harmful impacts to office and custodial workers, improve  
12 indoor air quality, and reduce water and ambient air pollution.  
13 Purchasing and appropriate use of products that perform well and that  
14 have positive environmental attributes such as biodegradability, low  
15 toxicity, low volatile organic compound content, reduced packaging, and  
16 low life cycle energy use can reduce the environmental impact of  
17 routine cleaning activities while also ensuring cleaning effectiveness.  
18 Therefore, the legislature finds that the adoption of practices to

1 select, procure, and use environmentally preferred products will  
2 benefit the environment and the health and safety of workers and  
3 visitors to state facilities.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) All state agencies shall procure and use  
5 cleaning products having properties that minimize potential impacts to  
6 human health and the environment consistent with maintenance of the  
7 effectiveness of these products for the protection of public health and  
8 safety. For purposes of this chapter, "state agency" means any office,  
9 department, division, bureau, board, commission, or other agency of the  
10 state of Washington or of any subdivision thereof.

11 (2) The department of general administration, in consultation with  
12 the department of health and the department of ecology, shall consider  
13 nationally recognized accrediting information and provide consultation  
14 and guidance to state agencies to:

15 (a) Select and procure products and use practices that reduce or  
16 minimize the risks of harmful effects to employees, custodial workers,  
17 visitors, and other building occupants and to the environment;

18 (b) Promote adoption of practices endorsed by this chapter;

19 (c) Recognize state agencies that adopt and implement  
20 environmentally beneficial facility and workplace management policies  
21 and practices;

22 (d) Encourage contractors supplying goods and services to state  
23 agencies to select and procure such products; and

24 (e) Encourage lessors and building managers who provide leased  
25 space to state agencies to select and procure such products.

26 (3) The department of general administration, upon renewal of a  
27 lease and for all new leases, must require lessors and building  
28 managers who provide leased space to state agencies to use  
29 environmentally preferred products and practices.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) When procuring cleaning products, state  
31 agencies shall purchase environmentally preferred products or document  
32 the reasons for selecting alternative products. The products must  
33 conform to guidance for environmentally preferred purchasing of  
34 cleaning products that may be provided under section 2 of this act, or  
35 must be products that have been identified by the department of general

1 administration as compliant with this chapter and made available  
2 through a central purchasing contract.

3 (2) A state agency that procures or uses alternative products shall  
4 prepare a report listing those products, including the reasons for the  
5 selection, and submit the report electronically to the department of  
6 general administration biennially. The report must be available to  
7 employees and the general public on the department of general  
8 administration's web site. A state agency that procured and used only  
9 environmentally preferred cleaning products during the biennium is not  
10 required to submit the report.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Local governments and school districts are  
12 encouraged to review their purchasing and use of cleaning products and  
13 select those having properties that minimize potential impacts to human  
14 health and the environment consistent with section 2 of this act. The  
15 department of general administration shall encourage local governments  
16 and school districts that are members of the department of general  
17 administration's state purchasing cooperative to achieve the goals of  
18 this chapter.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** State agencies shall transition to cleaning  
20 products having properties that minimize potential impacts to human  
21 health and the environment within six months of the effective date of  
22 this section in a manner that avoids waste of existing inventories,  
23 accommodates establishment of supply chains for new products, enables  
24 the training of personnel in appropriate work practices, and allows the  
25 phase out of products and practices inconsistent with this chapter.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act constitute  
27 a new chapter in Title 70 RCW.

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